Wasatch Co. Building Survey

Name of Building: John & Orson "A" Roberts Shoemakers

Information Required	Date Found		
Location:			
Address: Town:			
Architect:			
Builders:			
Building Material:			
Style of Building:			
Date Built:			
Original Owners:			
FGS			
Pedigree			
Histories			
Pictures			
Subsequent Owners:			
Notes: John & Orson A Roberts made boots & shoes & did repair work for 67 yrs in Heber!			
References: 1.			
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John Roberts and his son Orson, who provided 67 years of shoe making and mending service to Wasatch County. He opened this store in 1892.

in 1878 where he had learned the trade. He and John Danielson, a harness maker, set up a shop on Hatch Row where he worked for some 22 years. Mr. Dahlman sewed and made the shoes entirely by hand. He turned the ladies shoes inside out to sew them. He, like the other shoemakers, obtained leather from the tannery and later from Z.C.M.I. in Salt Lake City.

John Roberts also served the community as a pioneer shoemaker, doing his work at first by hand, making men's boots as well as men's and ladies shoes and was very competent at his work. He had learned the trade in England coming here in 1892 and worked at his little shop in Heber on First West and Second North for 27 years. After his death his son, Orson, having been trained by his father, continued in the business totaling 67 years shoe mending service by the Roberts family. Orson sold the shop in 1960 to Allen Sabey.

Other shoemakers through the years in Heber have been Carl J. E. Hertell, Royal Ellis and Roe Carlile.

ICE BUSINESS

Refrigeration has come a long way since the first settlers built their log homes in Heber Valley. The early merchant had quite a problem to keep his food fresh, especially meat, in warm weather. The men in the ice business would use the ponds the millers had for water power. In the